

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2005-4606, by Representatives Alexander and Hunt

WHEREAS, The Evergreen State College Geoduck men's soccer team won their first-ever National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Region I championship with shutout victories in the playoffs over Concordia University and Warner Pacific College; and

WHEREAS, The Geoducks finished with the best record in school history at 16-7 and were ranked 2nd in the region; and

WHEREAS, The Geoducks reached the quarterfinals of the NAIA national championships, with a run that included a 2-1 overtime victory over the reigning national champions, University of Rio Grande, ending its NAIA record 63 game unbeaten streak; and

WHEREAS, Senior forward Joe Gjertsen who holds The Evergreen State College record for career goals of fifty, was twice named Cascade Collegiate Conference player of the week on his way to conference player of the year, All-Region, and All-American honors; and

WHEREAS, Senior forward Nate Ford who scored the winning goal against Rio Grande was named to the All-Conference team, NAIA All-Region team, and an honorable mention All-American; and

WHEREAS, Geoduck junior forward Jason Gjertsen, junior midfielder Greg Preciado, junior defender Zephyr Titus, and sophomore defender Dan Jones were also named to the Cascade Collegiate Conference All-Conference team; and

WHEREAS, Coach Tom Boatright was named Region I coach of the year after guiding the Geoducks to their best ever season and first NAIA Tournament berth in just his fourth year as head coach;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives officially recognize The Evergreen State College Men's Soccer Program for its first-ever appearance in the NAIA National Championship Tournament and congratulate the players and coach on their outstanding season; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to The Evergreen State College President Les Purce, the Geoduck Men's Soccer Coach and Players, and the Director of The Evergreen State College Athletic Department.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4606 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 9, 2005

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk